

ABSTRACT

To provide a data providing system able to protect the interests of interested parties of a data providing apparatus. The content provider 101 distributes a secure
5 container 104 storing content data encrypted using content key data, content key data encrypted using distribution key data, and encrypted usage control policy data showing handling of the content data to a SAM 105,
10 of a user home network 103. The SAM 105, etc. decrypts the content key data and usage control policy data stored in the secure container 104 and determines the handling such as the purchase form and usage form of the content data based on the decrypted usage control policy data.